

"...a most solemn and significant event"

January 21, 1954 lives in history as the launching day of the world's first atomic powered vessel, the submarine "Nautilus."

Powered by the silent, invisible, airless "burning" of nuclear fuel, the "Nautilus" will cruise submerged faster, farther, longer than any previous craft in history.

Some 30,000 persons gathered in the shipyard of our Electric Boat Division, Groton, Connecticut, to witness this momentous occasion. That many came from great distances is a signal tribute to the scientists, engineers and craftsmen who worked to create this masterpiece of the shipbuilder's art.

We were particularly honored to have as our sponsor the First Lady of the Land, Mrs. Dwight David Eisenhower.

None of us who watched this unique and historic ship slide down the ways and into the waters of the Thames River could doubt that we were participants in a most solemn and significant event, not only of our time but of all time.

This brochure is designed to commemorate that event.



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